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Rules Fight: President Kennedy scored an important victory when the House of Representatives gave a hair-line margin to Speaker Sam Rayburn's move to pack the Rules Committee, long the bulwark impeding wild spending and welfare legislation. Many members admit that this means the floodgates are opened now for the ultra-spendthrift proposals of the liberals in Congress, not to mention those of the White House.

Actually, it is recognized in the cloak-rooms, the danger becomes greater to fiscal solvency than publicly advertised. Gallant conservative Rules Chairman Howard Smith cannot now fulfill his traditional role of guardian of the purse. Furthermore, the way is open for very high-handed use of the Rules Committee by Rayburn's puppet majority on the group.

Representative Bruce Alger (R.-Tex.) recently warned that liberal bills can be presented under a "closed rule," that is debate in the House on the merits of a bill can be limited and amendments can be forbidden. Also, others predict that "points of order" can be ruled out, so that appropriation bills can be rammed through without authorization.

Those with long memories today say that Speaker Rayburn has established himself in a position of power over legislation comparable to "Czar" Joe Cannon's, whose powers were clipped by the liberals of a half century ago.

Conservatives, on both sides of the aisle, now lament that the Kennedy victory may spell domination of the Legislative arm by the Executive. Weeks ago, Representative August Johansen (R.-Mich.) warned that if the Rules Committee packing scheme won out, it would make it enormously difficult for the House to maintain the historic "checks and balances" against a "power-hungry Administration." The Michigan legislator recalled Kennedy's reported promise to use his powers "to the utmost." "This comes perilously close to proclaiming the end of the constitutional system of checks and balances and the establishment of Executive dictatorship in the United States," concluded Johansen.

True, Rayburn's margin was thin—a change of only three votes would have defeated his attempt to become "czar." All through the House it is reported that the grass roots pressure was strong; but it is also admitted that the winning factor was "pressure from the White House." Wavering legislators were said to have been threatened with reprisals; one onlooker said a frequent argument used was—"We [the Executive] might reconsider keeping certain military installations in your district."

Also, it was reported that Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges (recently Governor of North Carolina) did yeoman service for the White House in pressuring Southerners to submit to Rayburn on the Rules packing plan. The news removes some lingering hopes that Hodges would prove a conservative influence on the liberal Kennedy Administration.

Yet, conservatives pay high tribute to Representative Howard Smith for his leadership in the resistance to Rayburn and to the steadfastness of many Southerners despite intense White House pressure. This prompts hope that the "old Coalition" may reform its ranks when wild spending bills reach the floor of the House.

As for the GOP performance, many conservative Republicans are dismayed that as many as 22 of their number broke ranks to join the liberal Democrats. (For the benefit of readers, the roll call of all members on the Rules packing vote is given in Section V.)

State of Union: The Kennedy prose in his first message to Congress remained undimmed, but the effects may leave much to be desired in White House circles. (1) It is noticeable how few in the cloak-rooms mention the State of the Union oratory as having any effect on the voting on the Rules packing scheme. (2) Among conservative Republicans (and even liberal ones) and Democrats, it's difficult to find one who agreed with the somber picture he drew of conditions in the US. (3) Republicans, at least, scoff at and resent the White House attempt to win legislation by raising the spectre of a "world emergency."

But the biggest failure of the message was its inability to still fears as to the solidity of the American dollar. Despite an extremely definite and highly emphasized statement on this problem ("This is a commitment"—which might later arise to haunt the young President), the stock market "went through the roof" after the boys at Broad and Wall heard his "reassurances" about the dollar. Wire services reported the leaping stock level—"most

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brokers hailed the President's message as inflationary and said it therefore would benefit the stock market."

Bridges vs. Kennedy: The GOP on Capitol Hill has sloughed off the "honeymoon" inhibitions and moved into straight out criticism of the new President's policies. Senator Styles Bridges, as Chairman of the GOP Senate Policy Committee, has started building up a record of biting comment on the new Administration's course.

Bridges expressed "alarm" and "shock" over Adlai Stevenson's remarks in the UN, in which the latter voiced hope of normal relations with Red China. The New Hampshire Senator bluntly expressed the hope that President Kennedy would "repudiate" Stevenson's remarks—so far Kennedy has not done so.

Bridges, the senior Republican in the Senate, noted on January 26 what the new President said about continuing the ban on U-2 flights over the USSR in the context of the news of the release of our two RB-47 flyers. "Did our new Administration," asked Bridges, "make any concessions to the Russians in order to obtain their release? If so, what? The Administration has a pressing responsibility to keep both the Congress and the American people fully informed of all Soviet overtures that might lead us to be mouse-trapped by Communist deceit and guile."

> **Finally, the head of the GOP Policy Committee in the Senate accused the Administration of imposing a "gag" on Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, chief of naval operations, forcing him to delete from a speech a criticism of Soviet Russia. And the Senator wanted to know whether the attitude of the Administration toward Russia means that we are "not to criticize or call attention to her out-spoken avowals to conquer us and the free world."**

Bridges—there is no doubt—voiced the feelings of many colleagues on both sides of the aisle when he asked, "Does this mean that we are entering an era of appeasement with Communist Russia?" And again he demanded to know whether a "deal" between Moscow and Washington is in process.

Information Gag: Republicans on Capitol Hill are up in arms over what appears to be the Kennedy Administration's policy of clamping an iron mask of censorship over vital information and news.

What makes the GOP doubly indignant is the recollection that the Democrats—Senator John F. Kennedy in particular—made many high sounding pronouncements during the late campaign against alleged Eisenhower Administration information gags. The Democratic platform charged that a "massive wall of secrecy" surrounded the Executive branch and stated that "information must flow freely." At his first Presidential press conference, Kennedy pledged himself to complete press freedom, except in matters involving national security.

But evidence arises that the new President, largely through press secretary Pierre Salinger, is not too eager to dispense information contrary to the New Frontier's image and ideas. Senator Hugh Scott (R.-Pa.) says he sees signs that the Administration will tighten up news and deny people the right to know things they should know. GOP Senate leader Everett Dirksen wondered whether we are going to have more rather than less secrecy.

But the man who brought the question out onto the floor of the Senate was Barry Goldwater. The Arizonan stated: "I am very much disturbed over reports appearing in the public print about Kennedy Administration censorship of speeches and statements prepared by the nation's military leaders [see Burke story above]. I want to know what it means in terms of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of the American people to know what our leaders think about the Soviet menace .... Is this new regime to be a dictaphone-type of 'gag rule' government bent on its own prestige? . . . I say that the danger signal has been hoisted by the White House and must be recognized by us as something repugnant to the American way of life and dangerous to the best interests of our people."

N. Y. Young Republicans: In what amounts to a real revolt against Modern Republicanism, the New York City Young Republicans last week supported a resolution indirectly condemning the three New York Republican Congressmen who voted to stack the Rules Committee. The vote to enlarge the Committee was 217-212. If the three New York Republicans—John V. Lindsay (Manhattan), Paul Fino (Bronx) and Seymour Halpern (Queens)—had not supported the Kennedy-Rayburn packing scheme—the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition would have won.

What touched off the Y.R.'s resolution was a motion—supported by elements grooming liberal Lindsay as a possible candidate for Mayor Wagner's spot—to commend Lindsay for his packing vote. The motion was tabled by almost 3-1. Then a resolution, backed by club president Dudley Devine, was introduced to "commend the courageous stand" of the 148 other Republicans who opposed packing. It passed 57-10 and was interpreted by the moderns as a "direct slap at Lindsay," who, incidentally, was president of the city Y.R.'s in 1952.

On top of this action, the YR's then tabled another motion solely, says one informant, because it praised Governor Rockefeller.

What is particularly surprising about the YR's action is that the club has been consistently liberal and had been deemed a mouthpiece for Lindsay-Rockefeller Republicanism. (In 1959 the State YR's —with city YR backing—opposed the conservative National President of the Young Republicans, Ned Cushing, with a Rockefeller type candidate.)

Farm Front: Farmers have been hurt more by rising costs than by falling prices, according to Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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Shuman said recent discussion of farm problems has tended to obscure this fact. "Gross farm income has gone up $3.3 billion since 1947, but production expenses have gone up $9.2 billion and net farm income has dropped $5.9 billion. Our first recommendation is that the government take effective steps to stabilize the value of the dollar, and that possible effects on farm costs be taken into consideration in connection with all government policy decisions."

He voiced the Farm Bureau's objections to "a program of higher price supports and greater compulsion." This would lead to "increased government control of individual farming operations, reduced efficiency, smaller markets, increased export program costs, and the capitalization of program benefits."

He also opposed a multiple price program for wheat. "Wheat producers have a right to compete for a share of the feed market," he said, "but only if they are willing to compete on a fair basis."

The AFBF president said a multiple price program would "have the effect of dumping surplus wheat into the feed market on an unfair, subsidized basis—thus adversely affecting the incomes of all producers of feed grains and livestock, dairy, and poultry farmers . . . . The wheat program is a classic example of the difficulties involved in any attempt to fix prices and control production relatively." Turning to proposals for compensatory, or direct production, payments to farmers, Shuman said this "approach is unsound and dangerous to our economic and political system."

"There is no magic in the supply management approach," Shuman said. "It is simply another effort to fix prices at artificial levels and to ration the right to produce farm products. Production cannot be controlled effectively by legislation as long as producers are guaranteed attractive prices . . . . It is fallacious to assume that the producers of a commodity are the only people interested in programs for that commodity."

Kennedy on Education: As was expected President Kennedy tossed a Federal aid for education pitch during his State of the Union address last week. He said our classrooms contain two million more children than they can accommodate and that there are 90,000 non-qualified people now teaching.

Kennedy's figures, most likely provided by the mammoth Federal aid lobby, the National Education Association, don't jibe with the educational pattern. Since World War II the states have built, without Federal aid, 680,000 classrooms—more than half of those now in use. Teachers' salaries have nearly doubled—up 99.8 per cent—in the past ten years, while the cost of living index has increased 23.6 per cent during that period.

In his recently published *Taxes for the Schools*, Federal aid opponent Roger A. Freeman illustrates the job being done at the local level. Freeman had been research director of the Educational Committee of the President's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Freeman points out that, over the past two decades, school enrollments grew 43 per cent—but that school funds increased 185 per cent (in price adjusted dollars), and that between 1958 and 1970 enrollments will increase 28 to 30 per cent, while local funds for education, based on present trends, will double. During the last ten years public school spending by the states jumped from $5.8 billion to $15.5 billion—a 167.3 per cent increase.

If Kennedy is right in saying that 90,000 teachers are unqualified (he still hasn't produced the 17 million hungry), it would appear from the facts that Federal money is not the answer.

Freeman concludes in his book that "the most urgent need is not 'more money for education' but 'more education for your money.' Wasteful organization keeps thousands of inefficient schools alive. Federal aid would relieve the pressure to correct such practices and, thus, help to perpetuate them."

Murrow & USIA: The selection of famed newscaster Edward R. Murrow to head the US Information Agency was greeted on Capitol Hill with what the Chicago *Tribune* called "highly controlled enthusiasm." One reason is that Murrow said the USIA should follow a policy of telling the "truth" about America even though it may not be "flattering." Many disagree with Murrow's thoughts on this since it is assumed Moscow and its cohorts will find enough unflattering things to publicize about the United States without assistance from Mr. Murrow.

But Murrow's selection is also criticized on the grounds that he seems singularly unaware of the Communist menace. In 1953, for example, he heaped effusive praise on Theodore F. White's book, *Fire in the Ashes*, which insisted that the allies "provoked" the Berlin blockade and hoped the US would halt the rearming of Western Germany. Murrow's views, in fact, used to be highly recommended by the Communist *Worker* when it was a daily and plugged "See it Now," in a column called "Best Bets."

Murrow, too, has made almost a holy crusade in championing left-wingers and security risks such as Owen Lattimore, Harry Dexter White and J. Robert Oppenheimer. The question seems to arise: Will he support or endorse left-wingers and security risks if they are found to be working in America's propaganda arm, the USIA?

HCUA: Agitators against the House Committee on Un-American Activities have long attempted to

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show that the HCUA is opposed by virtually the whole American Academic community. Last week, the detractors of the committee had this argument tossed back into their teeth when 139 professors and administrators from 17 colleges and universities signed a petition in vigorous defense of the HCUA.

In a statement addressed to Congress, the group urged that the committee "receive all appropriations and powers necessary for a more searching investigation of the international Communist conspiracy in the United States."

Professor Revilo P. Oliver, from the University of Illinois, asserted in a letter accompanying the petition that those who signed "earnestly believe" that the great majority of American college teachers are "loyal to the American Republic," but want "relentless exposure of our nation's secret enemies."

Professor Oliver also implied that many of the professors who signed it were under pressure not to do so by their liberal colleagues. He stated further that many "who heartily approved the purpose of this statement [supporting the HCUA] felt obliged to refrain from signing it lest they jeopardize their careers or even their livelihood." Thus Professor Oliver suggests that the very same liberal educators who have excoriated the HCUA for supposedly violating academic freedom don't mind suppressing freedom of expression when it suits their own purposes.

TV-Anti-Red Show: Much criticism was leveled at the Columbia Broadcasting System last week after that network cancelled an hour-long TV drama depicting Soviet espionage activities in the US. The story was based on factual Soviet spy incidents.

A spokesman for the sponsoring company, Armstrong Cork, told the press that CBS cancelled the show because "it was not in keeping with what the Executive branch [Kennedy Administration] is trying to do at the moment—convey a softer line toward Russia."

Regardless of whether the network cancelled the program on its own or whether Administration sources applied pressure (CBS would not comment), observers see much cause for alarm if communism is to be "swept under the rug" by the new regime in order to cultivate Russian good will. Chairman Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities warned last week that there are 25,000 "skilled revolutionaries" in the United States taking direct orders from Moscow.

Noted is that the TV channels are flooded with anti-Nazi programs and movies, but that anti-Communist shows are almost nil.

[STOP PRESS! CBS now backtracks on its cancellation as we go to press—after reportedly receiving a storm of protests. The drama has been rescheduled for February 15. Lesson: political activists can win victories by alert, vigorous protests.]

Capitol Camera: Political analysts note that the ADA's list of "legislative priorities" for this session of Congress, released December 29, runs almost parallel with President Kennedy's demands.

• Inside reports from within the State Department say that Undersecretary Chester Bowles, not Secretary Dean Rusk, is the real shaper of policy. (Bowles has long favored closer ties with Red China, bigger global giveaways, spending and appeasement.) The White House "line" is communicated first to Bowles; and foreign ambassadors seek to see him, not Rusk. The latter apparently concentrates on purely administrative problems.

• *Wry smiles are being directed at the Arkansas House delegation in view of its surprising* 4-2 *vote to support the Rayburn packing plan. Many thought the relatively conservative Razorbacks would be solid against Rayburn. Capitol Hill asks: "What high power political considerations overshadowed the expected anti-Rayburn vote?"*

• Senator Strom Thurmond (D.-S.C.) has introduced a bill which would require all those appointed to the Supreme Court of the US to have at least five years experience on the bench. Of the current members only Justice Brennan had five years prior experience. Six—Warren of course included—had no prior experience on the bench.

• *The "What America Thinks" national poll announces that a majority of Americans polled believed Red China to be a greater menace than Soviet Russia. The percentages were* 47.1 *per cent and* 41.9 *per cent, respectively. Eleven per cent didn't know.*

• US watchdog satellite Samos II won't be operational for at least another year, maybe two or three. Kennedy's promise to Khrushchev to continue halt of U-2 flights thus leaves interior Russia uninspected. This seems to be Russia's *quid pro quo* for releasing RB-47 flyers.

• *White House said Kennedy "expressed his confidence in Finletter's ability to bring about the strengthening of NATO." But Finletter, new NATO Ambassador, is for decreasing military emphasis in Europe, wants to turn NATO into a giant giveaway project.*

• *Plot by anti-Salazar exiles and Spanish Communist refugees to turn NATO-allied Portugal into a pro-Communist or "neutralist" regime was uncovered one year ago, according to informed Lisbon sources. Those in on the plot were General Humberto Delgado, now exiled in Brazil, and ex-Captain Henrique Galvao, leader of the rebels who seized the Santa Maria.*

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Meany's remarks have been summed up in one sentence: Disappoint others if you must, Mr. Kennedy, but DON'T DISAPPOINT THE AFL-CIO. We elected you. Don't you forget it.

Reuther, Meany et al have been CONSULTED on EVERY key appointment Kennedy had made. If they said NO, that person's chances instantly ended.

LABOR intends to exercise its power. About one-half of the members of each House were bought and paid for by COPE, the political arm of the AFL-CIO. They could not have been elected without the all-out help of Labor. The Congress is two-thirds Democratic in each House. Robert Kennedy has indicated that the Administration will use all its power-patronage, defense contracts, pork barrel to hammer Democrats into line—Southern as well as Northern.

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Next, Kennedy had to get 80 to 90 per cent of the Negro vote. If, in each state, he had gotten only a 50-50 break among the Negro voters, he would have carried only nine states instead of 22; his electoral vote would have been only 115 instead of 300.

But all that was still not enough. The Big City Bosses had to give him a fraudulent voting count. It is highly probable that an honest count would have lost Kennedy the states of Illinois (27 electoral votes), Texas (24), Missouri (13) and New Jersey (16). And perhaps one or two other states.

If you know the Big City Bosses, you know they do not risk 10-year penitentiary sentences for the sake of "idealism." When they take big risks, they expect big rewards. They will get those rewards and the American people—at least that portion which believes in the homely virtues of honesty, self-responsibility, thrift and enterprise—won't like what they see.

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In the South, conservative Democratic leaders, old and young.

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"[Today's typical youngster] doesn't have to perform chores around the house such as carrying in coal or kindling; he doesn't have to carry out the ashes or chop wood; he doesn't have to walk to school or anywhere else. He believes that his forefathers handed down to him the right to happiness, rather than the right to pursue happiness." —Col. Frank J. Kobes, Director of Physical Education at the US Military Academy

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Soviet Agriculture

By Raymond Moley

"Don't tell me about pigs," Khrushchev boomed when he was in Iowa in 1959, "I know all about pigs and all about farming. I am a man from the soil."

He is, indeed, an earthy man, at home in the porcine world. But it is beginning to appear that he doesn't know all about farming. And that lack of knowledge is beginning to cause unhappy rumblings in his New Frontier.

The major trouble is in the great regions straddling the border between Asia and Europe. One of these regions is Kazak S.S.R. It is now revealed that the grain crop there is some 3,000,000 tons short of expectations.

The Kazak is an area one-third as large as the United States. It consists of dry steppes and runs from the 50th parallel of latitude on the north to south of the 40th parallel. It borders on European Russia and the Caspian Sea on the west, touches Iran and Afghanistan on the south, and extends to China on the east. It is as large as a section which would include the northern third of Missouri, all of Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, and on into Canada as far as Winnipeg.

The Kazak is a vast livestock region. The problems faced by Khrushchev there are exactly the same as those that faced our own farmers in the 1930's. One cannot break the sod on the great prairies where rainfall is light and hope to keep the land in production. For a while, as long as the rich humus of the prairie sod holds the moisture, the land will give forth. But once the moisture has been exhausted, the soil takes flight with the winds. That is what has happened in the Kazak.

The Soviet mentality, firmly holding the dogma that the state knows best, cannot comprehend the fact that the land must be cozened and nursed like an infant. And the one who can do that best is the man who lives with it and depends upon it for his livelihood. The state can help him, but he must be free to experiment.

Under the iron rules of communism, if the land refuses to produce, it must be starved. And the land, like the peasant, must work or starve. But the land, unlike a man, recognizes no incentive. To deny it fertilizer and chemicals is to reduce it to impotence. To the Communist bureaucrat, land is either fertile or barren.

The American farmer, in an atmosphere of freedom, realizes that the land has a potential which ingenuity can develop. In our great plains farmers found, after trial and error and tribulation, that if strips of land are left fallow between strips of

grain, there will be enough moisture retained from the slim rainfall to raise grain and also to keep the soil from blowing away. And from what this or that farmer learned by his experiments, the government was able to inform many other farmers. But the knowledge had to come from what free farmers knew. It could not find birth in Washington, although Washington could provide printing presses and agents to carry the knowledge.

But in Russia there is what so many fatuous economists tried without success to foist upon the early Roosevelt Administration—central government economic planning.

In Russia almost half the labor force of the country is struggling to feed only Russia. Over here, only 10 per cent of our population is engaged in farming, and our production is far beyond our needs and must flow out to the rest of the world.

True, as Khrushchev said, he knows all about pigs. But his ironclad dogmatic mind knows little of man and what freedom can help man to achieve. He complains that his bureaucrats have been giving out false statistics. But the slavish servants of the state are of his choice, and fear of his whip is what made them produce false figures when they could not produce food.

Travel Orders for New Frontier

What is the shortest route to the White House?

Go to Harvard and turn left.

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Hollywood, States' Rights And Ike's Last Warning

By John Temple Graves

Nowhere, it seems, is political division sharper than in Hollywood, with elders on the side of constitutional government, middle-aged on the other, and youth an unknown X as elsewhere. Paying tribute to the late Ward Bond, leading man of television's "Wagon Train," as a patriot, constitutionalist and dedicated champion of Americanism, Editor Ida Darden, of the Southern Conservative, lists a few others of his ilk in the entertainment business. It is notable that they are all old-timers: —Jeannette McDonald, Joe E. Brown, Leo Carillo, Charles Coburn, Mae West, John Wayne, Lawrence Welk, Robert Taylor, Adolphe Menjou, Corinne Griffith, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Ginger Rogers, Robert Montgomery, J. Carroll Naish, Loretta Young and Gloria Swanson.

On the other side, the middle-aged New Dealers and socialists whom Pegler calls the "Rat Pack" include Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Peter Lawford, Sammy Davis, etc. They think they speak for youth but they are too old, and beatnik, and Hollywoody. There's a youth they've never met.

State's rights, it seems to me, involves opposition to too much government as well as to government too far from the governed.

What did [President Eisenhower mean in his final TV address] when he warned so strangely and unexpectedly against letting "a military-scientific-industrial elite" exert "unwarranted influence?" The Fascists of Mussolini were such an "elite" and so were Hitler's Nazis. This country's nearest approach to fascism-nazism is the dream of Walter Reuther. In apparent honesty Mr. Reuther believes the interests of organized labor and the people are synonymous. He would have industrial management turned over to organized labor, with the state necessarily over all.

This is the "corporate state" system of Fascist Italy.

Walter Reuther would be an able Man on Horseback if we wanted a Man on Horseback.

Price Fixing

From Barron's Weekly

Price-fixing, whether done under private or government auspices, by and large has been a flop. For its failure, producers as well as consumers should be grateful. While frequently unpleasant, at least for a time, falling prices play an exceedingly useful role in the free economy. For one thing, like a traffic light flashing amber, they constitute a clear-cut warning to capital to proceed with caution. Thereby they serve to switch investment from unprofitable areas toward those with greater promise. At the same time, lower prices discourage marginal operators and whet the interest of customers, thus working to balance demand and supply. Over the long pull, finally, economic adversity, to the benefit of buyer and seller, tends to spur both productivity and technological advance.

Rigging the News

From the Nashville Banner

The Atlanta Constitution has joined the University of Georgia student newspaper in taking to task the Columbia Broadcasting System news staff for its actions during the coverage of integration-segregation matters at Athens.

The charge has been made that the CBS crew and a few other out-of-state reporters have forgotten that they came to report the story and not to stage it.

Specifically, the student newspaper reported that during the filming of the gathering on the campus CBS men and others urged student onlookers to "wave your fist in the air about something."

"CBS," according to a Constitution editorial, "has denied this charge. But we (The Constitution) have heard it from our own reporters on the scene, as well as others."

This is not the first time CBS news and camera crews have been accused of "rigging" the news. Last spring, Governor Buford Ellington, in a sharply worded message to CBS, alleged that the network's news forces had produced and directed a sit-in demonstration. CBS denied this charge and demanded an apology from the Governor. Mr. Ellington said he had nothing to apologize for and that was that.

Southerners often are unnecessarily gullible. Too often they have been "directed" by network TV cameramen and too often they have made statements that later they regret.

The networks seldom portray the South in a good or fair light, particularly when they work up those "in depth" things. These, of course, are staged and most people realize it.

But the average viewer wouldn't know that the Georgia University students were shaking their fists on cue. As the Constitution states, the "rigging" of news is reprehensible. And to add a note: It's not very comforting to learn that you have been duped, for those reacting to the camerman's directions were compounding the "crime."

Is Harvard a Depressed Area?

Harvard University is going to be declared a depressed area because President Kennedy has depopulated it by bringing so many professors to Washington. The government is going to tax Yale and Princeton to subsidize Harvard.

This quip from the *NAM News* illustrates how illogical and economically unfeasible it is to penalize taxpayers from other sections to provide federal subsidies for depressed areas—when local responsibility is the key to any enduring success.

Columnist Bob Sylvester said it: "Now that the president of Ford, with no government experience, has accepted the secretaryship of defense, I'm willing, with no experience, to take the presidency of Ford." —Roll Call

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How Big is the Tax Bite?

By Glenn Martz from the Lowdown

A tax-conscious Minnesota editor is going to make sure that his employees realize what a big bite Uncle Sam takes out of their wages in taxes.

He is D. R. Peterson, editor and publisher of the Truman (Minn.) Tribune.

Starting January 1 he began paying them a full salary each week except the last week of the month, then deducting the entire month's withholding tax from their pay checks.

Bob Taylor, editor of widely published "Washington-Exclusive," says if you don't think the gimmick will have the effect of an "economic shock" just figure it out for yourself.

And you don't have to be much of a mathematician to do it.

Suppose you're working for editor Peterson and get $100 for a week's work.

Well, you'd get your $100 a week for each of three weeks in a four-week month (such as this February). By that time, says Mr. Taylor, you would be pretty well adjusted to spending $100 a week.

But on the fourth week you'd only get a pretty thin $23.60 check, providing you have a wife, and only $14 flat if you were an unattached tramp printer.

Mr. Taylor adds an authoritative footnote which notes that if you are an employee with one dependent your employer is required to withhold $16.10 weekly on a $100 per week salary. If you have no dependents the bite is a stout $18.50 per week.

To this, of course, there is [added] a $3 per week deduction for Social Security.

All of which means that everything you earn during two and one-half months of the year is arbitrarily taken away from you by the federal government.

Mr. Taylor could have gone a step further.

There are other, and unseen taxes which are imposed upon you by Uncle Sam . . . .

Time and space do not permit publication of a list of all taxes paid by an individual in the course of a year.

How to Reduce Unemployment

From the Cincinnati Enquirer

The only real way to combat unemployment is to create jobs, and this private industry cannot do unless its income after taxes permits it to make the capital investments that new job opportunities require.

Nonetheless, those who wail longest and loudest about the lack of jobs are the very ones who speak of corporate profits as though they were the work of the devil.

The Bureaucratic Threat

It is my opinion that if this country is ever brought to its knees it will not be by the Russians but by the complete bureaucracy in Washington which is building up to seize control of almost every phase of American life. We had better all hate it and begin to do something about it through our political representatives or it will break our pocketbooks and our spirits.

—Dr. Paul B. Magnuson

From *Ring the Night Bell* (Little, Brown & Co.)

Comparatively Speaking...

From the Chicago Tribune

Guess who said this:

"In order to create the abundance of products . . . the principle of personal material incentives to all personnel . . . is of major significance . . . . It is necessary to give industrial and institutional management the right to raise the salaries of persons showing maximum initiative, capacity and conscientiousness . . . at the same time it is necessary to improve the system of bonuses to managerial, engineering, technical and office personnel."

It came from Voprosy Ekonomiki journal, Soviet Institute of Economics, Moscow.

Guess who said this:

"The proportion of workers on an incentive pay basis is smaller now than in the early post-World War II years . . . . Unions generally have been more successful in preventing installation of new incentive systems than in eliminating existing systems . . . Unions have tended to underestimate their own influence and ability to eliminate incentive plans."

It came from AFL-CIO, collective bargaining report, November, 1960.

Who Repays Soft Loans?

By Congressman H. R. Gross

And they call it a "loan!" Announced a few days ago in Washington is a "loan" of $40,000,000 for the start of construction of a power dam for the Chinese Nationalist government on the Island of Formosa.

This "loan" is made by the Development Loan Fund, one of our international "lending" outfits, which gets its funds exclusively from Mr. and Mrs. American Taxpayer.

It is what is known as a "soft loan," which means that it will never be repaid. As a matter of fact, the two-page publicity release from Development Loan Fund Headquarters makes not the slightest mention of repayment or rate of interest on the "loan."

But that's only part of the story. The $40,000,000 is less than a third of the ultimate cost of this power project. Who do you think will put up the other millions?

As we have suggested on other occasions, you can get the answer by taking a look in the nearest mirror.

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Tito Repays US Aid With Hate

By Fulton Lewis, Jr.

The Eisenhower Administration's last gift of $100 million brought to more than $2.1 billion the total of aid sent to Communist dictator Tito of Yugoslavia.

In an abortive attempt to woo Yugoslavia away from Moscow, two American Presidents, Truman and Eisenhower, have dispatched grain, jets and nuclear reactors to Belgrade.

But US gift-giving has met with little success. The State Department admits that on no major issue have the Yugoslavs supported the US against the Soviet Union. And in the very week that this country granted its latest handout to the smiling Marshal Tito, the Yugoslavian Communist was blasting US policy makers as "aggressive."

The US aid, moreover, has beefed up the Yugoslavian economy, enabled Tito and Company to allocate resources where needed in the fight against the West. In 1958, for instance, immediately after this country granted Yugoslavia $100 million for "health, education and agriculture," Marshal Tito increased his military budget by $56 million. In order "to liquidate capitalistic social relations," all private buildings and business houses were seized by the state.

Thanks in part to US aid, Yugoslavia agents are busy at work in the Dark Continent of Africa, undermining the position of the "hated imperialists." Tito emissaries have been active in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria, the Sudan and the Congo.

Perhaps the most foolhardy foreign aid agreement the US has ever concluded with Tito was signed, sealed and delivered last April by American officials and Slobodan Nakicenovic, leading Red expert on nuclear physics.

Nakicenovic, who traveled across the US and Canada for a month inspecting atomic installations, received from the US concrete promises of nuclear aid. The US agreed to ship to Tito a huge 100-kilowatt nuclear reactor and two smaller reactors. Regular shipments of laboratory equipment for atomic research were also promised.

Uncle Sam agreed also to train budding young Yugoslavian scientists, active in the atomic energy field. Needless to say, the agreement was not reciprocal. The Reds have no facilities with which to train US scientists.

The deal was approved by top State Department officials despite the fact that Yugoslavian and Soviet Reds have collaborated closely on atomic research. The Yugoslavian Embassy here in Washington refuses to deny published reports that Soviet technicians have set up short and medium-range missile sites all over Yugoslavia.

The Red missiles, constructed under the personal direction of the Soviet scientist Leonid Sedov, are aimed at free world installations in West Germany, Greece, Turkey and Italy. There are, according to these reports, eighteen separate missile-launching sites on Yugoslavian soil.

It has also been reported that the largest uranium mine in Yugoslavia, located in Kalni, has as its superintendent a prominent Soviet engineer, Lonja Bizuk. Yugoslavian scientists are working on research for atomic-powered submarines. A Soviet marine engineer, known only as Bjelslev, and Wilhelm Brams, East German expert, were known to be directing Yugoslavian technicians at the state shipyards in Rijeka.

Despite these facts, the Eisenhower Administration steadily poured dollars into Communist Yugoslavia, on the specious contention that Tito's regime represents an independent brand of Marxism. The Yugoslavian leader put this theory to rest in 1957:

"I wish, comrades, that Poland and Yugoslavia—which are much criticized for practicing some national communism, which I consider nonsense—ought to show that they have no use for any national communism."

Britain's Socialistic Fiasco

From the Cincinnati Enquirer

In the first flush of British Socialism's electoral triumph in 1945 it must have seemed feasible and appropriate to seize Britain's transportation system —with compensation of course—and run it for the benefit of the user, the worker and the greater profit of the collectivist state. The railroads, the London buses, the docks and canals still are nationalized and 15 years later the day of reckoning has come.

So far these operations have amassed a gross deficit of $1.12 billion. They are currently running in the red by $168 million a year.

The Macmillan government has now announced that it will absorb this debt, writing it off, so to speak. Who pays and has paid the bill? Not, as in the days of private ownership, the shareholders and the users, but the taxpayer. The cost of this Socialistic fiasco has come out of the pounds, shillings and pence of the ordinary taxpayer whether he ever rides a train or ships by freight or not.

The explanation of the Laborites is that compensation to the former owners was excessive, yet those sums were fixed by impartial boards appointed by the Labor government. It would naturally have been easier to confiscate than compensate, as they do in Communist states, but Great Britain still is a civilized land. The answer lies elsewhere, but the lesson is clear.

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